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) Examiner: H. Hu

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 9, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 9, 2004 in which the Examiner has required restriction of the claims to one of four groups, applicants elect to proceed with examination of the invention identified as Group I (Claims 1-17 and 61-87).

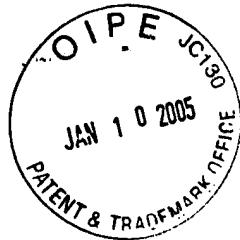
Applicants reserve cancellation of the remaining groups until successful completion of the prosecution of this application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he should feel free to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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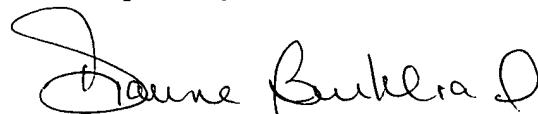
Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified new Patent Application:

1. Response to Office Action of December 9, 2004 (1 page)

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER SECTION 1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.

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